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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM WARD TO ZAYTSEV
WITH COPY TO MALTSEV.

MARCH 20, 1978 08.05

YU. V. ZAYTSEV
DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE GAS INDUSTRY
MINISTRY OF THE GAS INDUSTRY
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MOSCOW, USSR

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM YOU
THAT I HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW US CHAIRMAN
OF THE US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT WORKING GROUP ON GAS

TECHNOLOGY. DR. H. NEAL DUNNING HAS ASSUMED NEW RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM TO YOU THAT I WILL BE PREPARED TO LEAD A US DELEGATION TO THE SOVIET UNION TO DISCUSS ENHANCED GAS RECOVERY AND TO OUTLINE A PROGRAM FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. UNFORTUNATELY, LOGISTICS NOW MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR OUR DELEGATION TO ARRIVE BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF JUNE. I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE TIMING OF THIS VISIT AND AN ITINERARY AND AGENDA THAT BEST REFLECT THE AREAS IN WHICH YOU WISH TO PURSUE FUTURE COOPERATION.

WE APPROVE OF YOUR SUGGESTION TO EXCHANGE DRAFT PROGRAMS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE US TEAM. UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR DRAFT PROGRAM, WE SHALL COMMENT ON IT AND SEND OUR DRAFT IN RETURN.

WE HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED THE SELECTION OF OUR DELEGATION. ITS FINAL COMPOSITION WILL IN PART BE DETERMINED BY THE AREAS IN WHICH WE MAY DESIRE TO COOPERATE. I SHALL BE PLEASED TO SEND YOU THE NAMES AND AFFILIATIONS OF OUR TEAM WHEN WE SEND OUR DRAFT PROGRAM TO YOU.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND TO MEETING WITH YOU IN THE USSR LATER THIS YEAR.
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WITH KIND PERSONAL REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

DONALD WARD
OFFICE OF ENERGY TECHNOLOGY
US WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN. VANCE

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